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: METALLIZATION ARRANGEMENT FOR SEMICONDUCTOR
STRUCTURE AND CORRESPONDING FABRICATION METHOD

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

My name is Detlef WEBER. I am an employee of Infineon Technologies, A.G., a German corporation having a principal place of business at St.-Martin-Strasse 53, 81669 Munich, Germany.

I am engineer in the memory Product Division of Infineon Technologies AG, located in Dresden, Germany. I am mainly involved in the development of metallizations of memory chips.

The subject matter that the Examiner refers to as admitted prior art was known as of the time the claimed invention was made only to employees of Infineon Technologies outside the United States, all of whom are under an obligation to keep such knowledge confidential. There has been no description of the foregoing subject matter in any printed publication anywhere in the world.

The foregoing subject matter is not embodied by any product that is on sale or that has been offered for sale in the United States. Nor has the foregoing subject matter been used within the United States.

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